

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

KIM BLANDINO,
Appellant,
vs.
NANCY LINDLER,
Respondent.

No. 44471

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JAN 23 2006

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BY J. Richards
CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK

ORDER OF AFFIRMANCE

This is a proper person appeal from a district court order denying appellant's motion to change the children's surname. Eighth Judicial District Court, Family Court Division, Clark County; T. Arthur Ritchie Jr., Judge.

This court reviews family court decisions for an abuse of discretion.¹ Rulings supported by substantial evidence will not be disturbed on appeal.² When determining what surname a child should bear, the only consideration is the child's best interest.³ "It is presumed

¹Wallace v. Wallace, 112 Nev. 1015, 922 P.2d 541 (1996).

²Shydler v. Shydler, 114 Nev. 192, 196, 954 P.2d 37, 39 (1998) (citation omitted).

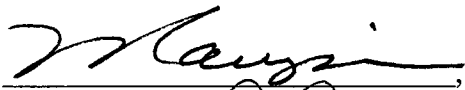
³Magiera v. Luera, 106 Nev. 775, 777, 802 P.2d 6, 7 (1990) (recognizing that a father does not have a greater right than a mother to have a child bear his surname, and providing that the parent who seeks to change a child's surname must prove that the proposed change is in the child's best interest).

that a [district] court has properly exercised its discretion in determining a child's best interest.”⁴


Having reviewed the record and appellant’s civil proper person appeal statement, we conclude that substantial evidence supports the district court’s decision to deny appellant’s motion to change the children’s surname and to instead change the children’s middle names to Blandino.

Accordingly, we

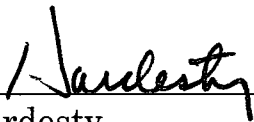
ORDER the judgment of the district court AFFIRMED.



Maupin J.



Gibbons J.



Hardesty J.

cc: Hon. T. Arthur Ritchie Jr., District Judge, Family Court Division
Kim Blandino
Nancy Lindler
Clark County Clerk

⁴Wallace, 112 Nev. at 1019, 922 P.2d at 543.